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EVENT: ONEDAY-Date: 10Feb '18(Sat)Time: 1.30pm-4.00pm Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S549102. Be part of the New Evangelisation! The Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE) is seeking for Collaborators who are fired up to build the Kingdom of God. Collaborators will use their unique gifts to share in the work of ONE. ONE Day serves to introduce the work of ONE to potential Collaborators and to explore opportunities on how YOU can contribute to the work of the New Evangelisation. To register and attend ONE Day, visit: www.one.org.sg/events

UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS
9 - 11 Feb '18. This weekend retreat will help you understand the different aspects of human sexuality from a developmental perspective, and how sexuality helps us grow in self-intimacy, intimacy with others, God and creation. This program is open to all and highly recommended

for young dating couples. Facilitated by Sr. Linda Lizada, rc; Organised by Cenacle Mission Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S649368. To register: Contact: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; Tel. 65652895; 97223148; website for online registration: www.cenaclemission.com

How can Catholics find healing and peace after their marital relationship breaks down? **SURVIVING DIVORCE** is a programme created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. This is an ACF initiative to support separated and divorced Catholics. We are starting another run shortly. Details are as follows: Dates: Every Monday night from 5 Mar to 28 May '18. Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102 Contribution: \$120. Enquiries: 97804456 (Joann) or 93836868 (Jileen) Email: cdsg@acf.org.sg. Register: <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/sd/>

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD, **Parish Secretary:** Ms Martha Loh, **Parish Clerk:** Ms Jannie Lui, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- (i) **Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings;
- (ii) **Church of SPP Building Fund** - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund;
- (iii) **Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation;
- (iv) **Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)** - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 714

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 January - SAT 4 February 2018

MON: 2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13, MK 5:1-20 **TUE:** 2 SM18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3, MK 5:21-43 **WED:** 2 SM 24:2, 9-17, MK 6:1-6 **THU:** 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12, MK 6:7-13 **FRI:** R1: MAL 3:1-4, R2: HEB 2:14-18, LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32 **SAT:** 1 KGS 3:4-13, MK 6:30-34

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marvelled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest. Friday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The story of David we have been following for the past two weeks will end with his death as we conclude the readings from the Book of Samuel. As the narrative moves to the Book of Kings, David's son, Solomon, has succeeded him on the throne and for the next week, the tale of notable leaders of Israel's history continues to unfold.

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus, but Jesus tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to heal her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a haemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the father he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals the daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of

faith. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, telling them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. Though the demons know who Jesus is, Herod thinks he is John the Baptist, whom Herod had beheaded. Jesus encourages his busy disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time has readings that deal with suffering and weakness. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus go to Simon Peter's house to heal Peter's mother-in-law. Crowds of people gather for healing outside the house. In the morning, Jesus slips away to pray, only to be searched out by Peter. Jesus says, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words, early each day, as soon as we get up or while in the shower or while dressing, helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day. "Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more

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compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to.” Each of us can make this 30 second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God’s presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren’t very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Saviour can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus’ home town say, “Isn’t this just the carpenter’s son?” their lack of faith is saying, “He can’t heal us.” In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Saviour, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to want to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening before we sleep, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Saviour throughout this busy day.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February

The Church’s title for this feast is the Presentation of the Lord. We might prefer to say “the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple,” because it is about the very human baby Jesus. But the liturgical title really catches best the apparent artistic and theological intention of its author, Luke. For in this gospel Gabriel has already announced the unborn Jesus as Son of the Most High. Elizabeth has already implicitly called the child in Mary’s womb Lord when she greets Mary as “mother of my Lord.” And the angel of the Lord has announced the birth of Jesus as a saviour who is “Messiah and Lord.”

So Luke is fully aware of the wonderful irony when he writes that Mary and Joseph took him up to Jerusalem to “present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.’” What is more, the child’s parents will offer the sacrifice of ‘a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,’ “in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.” The child, who will eventually be publically proclaimed by his followers as Messiah and Lord, begins his earthly existence as being obediently subject to the Lord God, whom he will address in prayer as Father.

A further divine irony, their offering of the sacrifice of a couple of birds, as a way of redeeming the firstborn from what would be human sacrifice, is done for the very person, Jesus, who will, thirty years from this moment, offer himself to redeem the world from the slavery of their sin.

The righteous elder Simeon knows the whole story. He gathers the child into his arms and blesses God by uttering words that have become part of the Church’s liturgy of the Hours, the canticle that we call, from the first words in Latin, the *Nunc dimittis*. Using language that a slave might use upon being given his freedom, Simeon says, “Now, Master, you may let your servant (*doulos*, “slave”) go in peace, according to your word.” Then, in words echoing the prophet Isaiah (Isa 40:5; 42:6; 49:6; 46:13), he describes

Jesus as the suffering Servant Israel, who will be salvation in person, the glory of his people Israel and “a light for revelation to the gentiles.” There, of course, is where we come in. We are included among those gentiles. Israel’s mission becomes Jesus’ mission. And those of us who claim Servant Jesus, as

PARISH NEWS

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- Sunday 11 February 2018 at 4.00pm. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. **Deadline: Sun 4 Feb ‘18**

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

(All are welcome and no registration is needed) 3 Feb ‘18 (Sat) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) **2.00pm** - Praise and Worship **2.20pm to 4.00pm** – Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14 Feb ‘18. English Mass: 7.20am & 5.30pm. Mandarin Mass: 12.15pm. The faithful is reminded to note that Ash Wednesday is a day of penance to be marked by fasting and abstinence (one full meal or 2 half meals)

CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE MASS - 15 Feb ‘18, Thurs, 7.20am, 5.30pm. **NO Infant Jesus devotion.**

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS - 16 Feb ‘18, Fri: 8.30am (Chinese), 10.30am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese). **NO evening mass.** 17 Feb

our risen Lord, take that mission as our own as well. You might say that this is Luke’s epiphany narrative. Our prayer these days can well be, “Teach us, Lord, to so deeply receive Jesus as our light that we become light to those around us.”

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/012118.html>

‘18, Sat, 7.20am (English), 5.30pm (English Sunset mass)

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Come celebrate and pray for all consecrated persons on the World Day of Consecrated Life, Mass at 6:30pm on Friday, 2 February at Novena Church. All are welcome.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God’s comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tue 23 Jan ‘18, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Feb 2-4. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org

AT HOME RETREAT (2 choices) - 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life’s daily routine. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. This will be from Ashes to Easter - a retreat in preparation for Easter. **MORNINGS**: Date: 5 Feb - 9 Apr, Mondays Time: 9.30am - 11.30am (Morning Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS** Date: 5 Feb - 9 Apr, Mondays, Time: 7.30 - 9.30pm (Evening), Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, Contribution: